

Harbison College, Abbeville, S. C.

Rev. W. H. Mitchell, President

FOUNDED in 1898 by Rev. W. H. Mitchell, who has continued as its president until the present time. The school property, valued at \$25,000, includes a three-story main building, and a few smaller buildings, and a farm of six acres.

Of the \$2,500 required for annual expenses, the Presbyterian Board of Missions contribute about one third. The remainder is secured from friends of the institution. The enrollment in 1908 was 6 teachers and 156 students. The departments are primary, English preparatory, and normal. The school has a large constituency in the center of the "Black Belt" of South Carolina.

Harbison College is an institution designed to promote the industrial, literary, and religious progress of colored youth of both sexes. The literary course is chosen with the view of securing sound elementary training that will make those graduating from the college proficient in the duties of active life.

The college is located at Abbeville Courthouse, about a mile and a half from the public square. It occupies a tract of land consisting of sixty-seven acres. The site is healthful, the water pure, the drainage natural, and for sanitary and moral reasons the location cannot be surpassed.

The college owns a plantation consisting of two hundred and ten acres, the object of which is to provide boys with means whereby they can support themselves in school. Harbison College is an outgrowth of Ferguson Academy, which was established in the town of Abbeville a quarter of a century ago. Its development into a college is due to gifts received from the friends of Christian education, notably from Mr. Henry Phipps, of New York, and Mr. Samuel P. Harbison, of Allegheny, Penn. The wife and sons of the latter have also made substantial gifts to the work, making possible at the present time accommodations for about 100 boarding students (before the destruction of Ferguson Hall by fire) and 100 day students.

There are four departments: the Literary, the Industrial, the Religious, the Musical. The Bible is taught daily throughout the course. Lessons in connection with practical farming are given once a week during the fall and spring seasons. The college has about 500 volumes in its library. Three hundred of

these are religious works presented by Mrs. Walter Condit, who desired to provide a source from which ministers, regardless of denomination, can borrow books.

The Young Men's Christian Association does a splendid work among the young men, which assists in the government of the school and wisely promotes spiritual work. It has a convenient, well-furnished room. Every Sabbath afternoon it conducts a meeting for young men, which is attended by about one hundred persons. The students are required to study the Bible throughout the course, to attend the Sabbath-school and all meetings for divine services on the Sabbath and during the week.

Cotton Plant College, Cotton Plant, Ark.

President W. A. Bryd

FOUNDED in 1880 by Francis Potter, under the direction of the Presbyterian Board of Missions for Freedmen. The institution was an academy until 1908. Six teachers and 165 students were enrolled in 1908. This is its first year of college life. The \$6,000 required for annual expenses secured largely by voluntary gifts from friends. Valuation of property, \$16,800. One of the needs of the school is money for a teacher of the Bible course.

Mary Potter Memorial School, Oxford, N. C.

Rev. G. C. Shaw, President

FOUNDED in 1893 by Rev. G. C. Shaw. Under the auspices of the Presbyterian Board of Missions for Freedmen. Nine teachers and 285 students in 1908. Annual expenses, \$10,000; secured largely from students. Valuation of property, \$17,000.

Dayton Academy, Carthage, N. C.

Henry D. Wood, President

ONE of the schools of the Presbyterian Board of Missions for Freedmen. Founded in 1880 by Henry D. Wood. Four teachers and 80 students enrolled in 1908. Annual expenses, \$1,000, secured largely from the Board of Missions; the balance from tuition. Valuation of property, \$2,500.